



Media Release

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St. Pete–Clearwater International Airport (PIE) Director Thomas Jewsbury receives 2016 Aviation Leadership Award from Florida Airports Council (FAC)

Thomas Jewsbury, Executive Director of the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport was presented with the 2016 Aviation Leadership Award at the 47th annual Florida Airports Council (FAC) Annual Conference, held in Bonita Springs, Florida. Each year, the FAC presents the Aviation Leadership Award to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding service and contribution to the Florida aviation/airport community, the FAC Board of Directors, the FAC Education Foundation, or one or more FAC committees. The Florida Airports Council is an association of publicly owned and operated airports, airport professionals; experts in the fields of airport design, development and improvement; and aviation trades that support the airport industry in Florida.

Jewsbury served as FAC President on the Board of Directors, continues to be an active member, chaired various standing committees, and had the distinction of receiving several recognition awards over the years for his involvement. Outside of FAC, Jewsbury has chaired various regional and statewide committees in support of Florida’s aviation system development, active member of several national aviation trade associations, is a private pilot, and a board member for a local chamber of commerce and aviation society.

Jewsbury has over 25 years of airport management experience. He began his professional career in operations at the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, WI. In 1994, he began his tenure at the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport. Tom received several promotions including Operations Manager, Director of Operations, and Deputy Airport Director before becoming Airport Director in 2015, where he currently manages one of the fastest growing small hub commercial service airports in the nation that will serve approximately 1.8 million passengers in 2016.

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